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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: T. Nguyen
HIDEYUKI IKEGAMI, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2182
Application No.: 09/215,194)
: Filed: December 18, 1998)
: For: IMAGE FORMING)
: APPARATUS AND CONTROL)
: METHOD FOR THE SAME) January 17, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Box AF
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001 for three months from October 17, 2001 to January 17, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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Signature

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Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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